

SHAW, CLAY

M E M O R A N D U M

May 9, 1968

TO: JIM GARRISON, District Attorney
FROM: ANDREW J. SCIAMBRA, Assistant District Attorney
RE: BARBARA REID interview of May 9, 1968 *Call - pick up
C. Shaw*

BARBARA informed me that after she had further discussions with GEORGE HIGGINBOTHAM, he came up with some additional facts. The NSRP meetings that were held at the Italian Hall were bugged by M. A. GRAHAM who was an investigator for the Sovereignty Commission. HIGGINBOTHAM said that while attending an art show at the Barony Art Gallery at 1405 St. Charles he was told (possibly by GEORGE SCHINDLER) that after OSWALD passed out leaflets in front of the International Trade Mart in August of 1963, his apartment was bugged by an investigator from the Sovereignty Commission, namely M. A. GRAHAM.

BARBARA says the Sovereignty Commission may still be in possession of the tapes. GRAHAM now lives in Nolan, Louisiana, and may have some connection still in Baton Rouge.

There were also meetings in 1963 by the NSRP at a place on the corner of Magazine and Peniston which is in the general vicinity of OSWALD's apartment.

DAVID GRAYDOM who was a very close friend of WILL BRADY is in town and willing to talk to us.

BILL CRAIS may be contacted at the Myna Crais Dress Shop, 1410 Beacon Street, Brookline, Massachusetts, a/c 617, 566-7737.

Also BARBARA said that CAPTAIN MARTELLO of the New Orleans Police Department had several contacts with OSWALD and also that she may be able to get the log of the S/S MARION LYKES which was the ship that OSWALD left on on September 20, 1959.

Also, she is in the process of getting pictures of CLAY SHAW at the Kennedy speech at the Nashville Street wharf.

Attached is a partial list of the INCA members in 1963.

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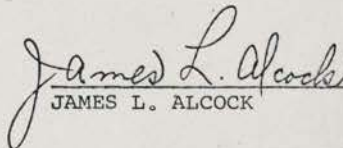
December 1, 1969

TO: JIM GARRISON, District Attorney
FROM: JAMES L. ALCOCK, Chief Assistant D.A.
RE: LEW HANLON - Office: a/c 713 - 227-1621
Home: a/c 713 - 524-6664

LEW HANLON, News Director of Radio Station KTRH, Houston, Texas, called today and related the following information to me. Mr. HANLON said that he was in contact with a reputable citizen from a town some 80 miles from Dallas, Texas, who claims to have seen JACK RUBY and LEE HARVEY OSWALD sighting a rifle on the Sunday immediately preceding the assassination of President Kennedy. According to Mr. HANLON, this witness, who is 70 years of age, also has several other citizens who can allegedly corroborate his information.

I believe Mr. HANLON also told me that these people had at one time gone to the Federal Bureau of Identification with this information.

Mr. HANLON would like to know whether we are interested in following up this lead. If we are, naturally, his being in the news business, he is interested in getting a story.



JAMES L. ALCOCK

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cc: ANDREW SCIAMBRA

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April 10, 1968

TO: LOUIS IVON, Chief Investigator

FROM: GARY SANDERS, Investigator

RE: MANCUSO'S RESTAURANT 546 Camp St.
JACK MANCUSO
FELICIE MANCUSO 3917 Piedmont Dr.
945-8485

SUBJECT: GUY BANISTER

From a lead received from GUY JOHNSON, JACK MANCUSO is supposed to have waited on a group consisting of GUY BANISTER, CLAY SHAW and a Cuban in his restaurant at 546 Camp Street.

On April 8, 1968, I spoke with JACK MANCUSO at his Camp Street restaurant.

MANCUSO said he had been interviewed by WILLIAM GURVICH about a year ago and that GURVICH had asked him the same questions that I asked.

See for re-questioning

I showed MANCUSO pictures of BANISTER, CLAY SHAW and some of our "Cuban types". MANCUSO said that BANISTER used to come in and drink coffee with friends all the time. MANCUSO said that he does not remember anyone that BANISTER was entertaining. MANCUSO said that although his restaurant does deliver food there was never any deliveries made to BANISTER's office.

MANCUSO identified SHAW, OSWALD, FERRIE and BANISTER but said the only one of these people he has ever seen in person was BANISTER.

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Dictated 2:45 P.M. on

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FROM: DOUGLAS WARD, Investigator
RE: LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONE CALL RECEIVED FROM
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March 3, 1967

TO: JIM GARRISON, DISTRICT ATTORNEY

FROM: FRANK MELOCHE, INVESTIGATOR

RE: LEE HARVEY OSWALD and CLAY SHAW IN
ALEXANDRIA, LOUISIANA

On March 3, 1967, I received a call from one Cedric Rolleston, General Delivery, Emporia, Kansas who stated the following:

On October 11 and 12 of 1963, I and my wife were registered at the Bentley Hotel, Alexandria, La. I had an occasion to notice 5 white males in the lobby one day. One man in particular caught my eye as he resembled me in my younger days. I went over and introduced myself to him and he to me. He gave his name as LEE HARVEY OSWALD. The others he did not introduce. One of the men looked like the picture in the newspapers of CLAY SHAW. I have given this information to the FBI shortly after the assassination and they told me I was unreliable. Why, I don't know. One thing that sticks in my mind is that OSWALD during his conversation said a lot of Catholic rulers are going to be killed in a few months. He further states that he is an artist, and that this information can be checked through Mr. McDaniels who is editor of the Emporia newspaper.

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TO: JIM GARRISON, District Attorney

FROM: ANDREW J. SCIAMBRA, Assistant District Attorney

RE: TRIP TO ALEXANDRIA, LOUISIANA - BENTLEY HOTEL.

On information received from Mr. Cedric Rollaston of Emporia, Kansas, I journeyed to Alexandria, Louisiana and talked to Mr. JAMES CURRO who is the new owner of the Bentley Hotel.

I checked through the registration records from July of 1963 to October 15, 1963 and found no registration for BERTRAND, OSWALD, SHAW or RUBY. The hotel journal which would reflect the registrations after October 15, 1963 covering a 6 months period could not be found while I was there. Mr. CURRO said that he would look for the journal and look for the names which I pointed out.

There were two (2) OSWALPS registered during September and October, but they were Army personnel stationed at Fort Polk. There was also a C.C. SHAW who lived at 1632 Charlton Drive, telephone number 282-9650, who registered with a group of businessmen on August 4, 1963.

she used to do her laundry at a lauderette close to the Ryder Coffee House, and observed many of the people going in and out; that many of the people who frequented the Ryder Coffee House also frequented Cosimo's Bar.

During the period of time that MRS. KELTON lived at 905 Gov. Nichols, a young man occupied an apartment in the same quarters of the same address. MRS. KELTON knew the man, but does not remember his name or anything about him except that she thinks he may have worked in the window display department of one of the Canal Street stores. MRS. KELTON said that the man she had seen and now knows is CLAY SHAW, visited this young man on numerous occasions. MRS. KELTON said she encountered SHAW going in and out of the entrance which led to the slave quarters at 905 Gov. Nichols. MRS. KELTON spoke with SHAW on many occasions, usually just passing the time of day with him. Once the young man told MRS. KELTON that "my patron (SHAW?) is sending me to Puerto Rico". MRS. KELTON said she knew the young man was gay, and she assumed that SHAW was gay also. A man by the name of JOHN CARTER still lives at 905 Gov. Nichols and according to MRS. KELTON, knew SHAW'S boy friend. The 1967 City Directory lists JOHN CARTER, painter, 905 Gov. Nichols, no telephone.

NOTE: I contacted the Caruos-Gall Real Estate Agency concerning the names of the people who lived at 905 Gov. Nichols. A Mr. Caruso said that we would have to subpoena his records in order to see them. I have not talked to CARTER yet.

I contacted MR. BRONSTON at Krauss Department Store (523-3311) and he said the records of any sales made are destroyed every three years.

MRS. KELTON said that DEAN ANDREWS has rented an apartment across the street from her antique shop at 626 St. Ann Street.

BACKGROUND ON MRS. KELTON:

Before he died, MRS. KELTON'S husband had been a secretary to Texas politician, MAURY MAVERICK of San Antonio. The KELTONS had lived in San Antonio and MRS. KELTON said she is very well versed in "Johnsonian politics" having known Johnson for years. MRS. KELTON also was in the official greeting party that met John F. Kennedy during his 1960 campaign trip to San Antonio. Mrs. KELTON helped organize the Kennedy speech which was held at the Alamo.

It is an interesting point to note that MRS. KELTON has met so many of the people associated with Kennedy's assassination; JOHN F. KENNEDY, LYNDON JOHNSON, LEE HARVEY OSWALD and CLAY SHAW.

When MRS. KELTON'S husband died she decided to retire in New Orleans since it was her favorite city. MRS. KELTON is very cooperative and seems to be very sure of her information.

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